

## “Getting to Know Your Bible”

*Is. 55:11*

### **Open:**

- The Bible do not just contain God’s Word’s; the Bible is God’s Word.
  - Man did not write the Bible; God gave the Bible directly to man.
    - **II Peter 1:20-21** *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. [21] For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*
    - **II Tim. 3:16-17** *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."*
  - God did not just give man a few of His thoughts and leave the rest up to man’s interpretation. God made sure to give man every commandment, promise, and principle that he needed to live the life that God intended him to live. **Matt. 4:4** *"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."*
  - God no longer speaks to man in an audible voice, He speaks to us through His Word.
- The Bible was given to us, by God, so we would know what His will for our life is.
  - The Bible gives us examples of people who have disobeyed, and what happened to them.
  - The Bible gives us examples of people who obeyed, and it tells how God blessed them.
  - The Bible tells us what God expects from us in our lives.
- The Bible is to be the foundation upon which the life of a Christian is built.
  - The Bible warns us of wrong and tells us about the consequences for wrong actions.
  - The Bible gives us wisdom and direction in times of confusion and difficulty.
  - The Bible brings comfort and stability to our lives in times of hardship.
  - The Bible is the source of all truth.

### **Tran:**

- Man has tried to eliminate the truths of the Bible, as well as the Bible itself; but just as God promised, His Word still remains.
  - **Matt. 24:35** *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."*
  - **Is. 40:8** *"The grass whithereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of God shall stand forever."*
  - **Ps. 119:89** *"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven."*
- Since man was unable to eliminate the truths of the Bible, he began to rewrite the Bible to fit his lifestyle; but the Word of God remains pure because we have the King James Bible.

- God has promised us that He would preserve His Word from generation to generation. **Is. 59:21** "*As for me this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My Spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seeds seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.*"
- All other versions, or so-called Bibles, are nothing more than man's interpretation of what he wants the Bible to mean and say.
- You do not need to spend your time reading man's interpretation of what man thinks the Bible means or should say (false versions, commentaries...etc.), you need to spend your time reading and studying what God says in His Word.
  - **John 16:13a** "*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...*"

## **I. Facts about the Bible.**

- A. The Bible has been divided up into sections. This makes it easier to find specific verses in the Bible.
  - 1. 66 books make up the entire King James Bible
    - a. 39 books in the Old Testament (Genesis – Malachi)
    - b. 27 books in the New Testament (Matthew – Revelation)
  - 2. 1,189 chapters make up the 66 different books of the Bible
  - 3. Within those chapters are 31,173 verses.
- B. There are 2 divisions of the Bible.
  - 1. The Old Testament
    - a. The Old Testament teaches the Laws of God to Man.
    - b. The Law shows us God's original intention for man, and it shows us His view of sin.
  - 2. The New Testament
    - a. Teaches the Grace of God to Man.
    - b. It shows us the heart of God, as well as His desire for our redemption.

## **II. Learning the Content of your Bible.**

- A. The Old Testament
  - 1. Genesis tells us about the beginning of life on earth and show us man's purpose.
  - 2. Exodus – Judges gives to us the earliest History of the Children of Israel, and it shows us the importance of obedience by faith.
  - 3. Ruth – A beautiful picture of the redemption of a sinner.
  - 4. I Samuel – II Chronicles gives to us a detailed story about God's desire to lead His people, and it shows us the outcome of those who choose to reject God's leadership.
  - 5. Ezra – Esther tells us about God's judgement for disobedience, and it shows us God's mercy on those who do wrong.

6. Job – the Song of Solomon teach us how to deal with the difficulties of life, as well as giving us principles and guidelines for life.
7. Isaiah – Malachi contain many prophecies as well as additional insight to the judgment of God’s people for sinning against God.

#### B. The New Testament

1. Mathew – John gives to us a detailed description of the Life of Christ while He was here on earth. This is our example we are to follow as a Child of God.
2. Act tells us about the actions of the early New Testament church. It is a pattern that we are to follow so God can continue to bless His Church.
3. Romans – Philemon are letters to churches, groups of Christians, and even individual Christians that teach us how a Christian is to live in his personal life.
4. Hebrews teaches us about the transition from the law to grace.
5. James – Jude gives to us different warnings and doctrinal teaching that are vital to a Christian staying true to the Word of God.
6. Revelation is a book that describes to us the time between the Rapture and the Return of Christ to rule and reign during the millennium (1,000-year reign of Christ on earth).

### III. How to *STUDY* your Bible.

- **II Tim. 2:15** *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

- A. **S**earch for new things that you did not know.
- B. **T**hink about what God is saying to you.
- C. **U**nderstand new words by asking someone what they mean.
- D. **D**aily search the scriptures.
- E. **Y**ield yourself to all that God asks you to do.

#### **Close:**

- As Christians who are living in a world filled with confusion and false teaching about God, the Bible, and how we should live life; it is important that we are grounded in God’s word. **Eph.4:14** *“That henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”*

#### **Hebrews 4:12 a**

*“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit...”*